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OF THE

Separate Traders to the *East-Indies*, which are not in the  
Grand Monopoly. 1693

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Page 780. **T**HAT by the very Letter of the Act for Raising the Two Millions, every Subscriber was to have the Continuance and Benefit of Trade to the *East-Indies*, until the whole Two Millions Lent should be actually Repaid.

That there being such Loud Clamours against the Old *East-India* Company as **Monopolizers**, (even by those very Persons, who having got the Power in their own Hands, are now so Zealous and Pressing for a **Monopoly**.)

The Parliament therefore thought fit, by the said Act to Dissolve the *Old Company*; and for the Benefit of all the Good People of *England*, left the Trade Open and Free for every Person to Trade Yearly to the *East-Indies*, to the Value of what Sum he or they should Advance for the Service of the Government, at a time when the Publick Funds were under very great Discount, and Money a very Valuable Commodity.

That these Modern **United Grand Monopolizers** are not contented with breaking a Commandment of God, in Coveting their Neighbours small Separate Stock, (which has, and might be so Serviceable to the Nation) but they also must have a Law broke through, totally to Extinguish the Separate Trade, That they may then bring as few Goods as they please to Market, and yet Sell them for as Extravagant Prices as (I had almost said) their Consciences will demand; which, in the End, will appear to be a Tax with a Vengeance on all the People of *Great Britain*, for every Thing they either Taft, or Wear.

That it will appear very strange and surprizing, when duely Considered, that the Separate Traders shall be obliged by Law to deliver up, as a **Sacrifice**, to these **United (Goliaths)** (in their *Quondam Dialect*) their Stock at 100*l.* which cost some of them 300*l.* per Cent. and has been worth much more; and to Deliver it at a Time when, very probably, it may be worth 500*l.* or 600*l.* per Cent. as these **Grand Monopolizers** may Manage it in *Exchange-Alley*, (the Place where many of them Manage the Trade to the greatest Advantage.) It could be wished they were likewise Obligated to Pay off, and Engross, all the Deficiencies that are and may happen in the Time of their Grant, as well as the Advantageous Debts of the Nation: Then they might indeed have some Pretence of Merit. But the *East-India* Company never Solicited to Pay off One of the chiefest Proprietors of the Separate Stock, a Considerable Sum he Lent on the Duties on Coals, Culm, &c. Which Fund was the very next Sessions of Parliament taken away from him, and he left Destitute, for several Years, of either Fund, Principal or Interest; to his very Extraordinary Great Damage.

One would Imagine these **Monopolizers** must have some very Dark Designs on foot, That they are so very fearful lest any Body should see what they do, that Men must be deprived of their Property, to make the way smooth for their **monopoly**. For if otherways, they would desire to have the Small Separate Stock Continued, to Convince the World that they had no Ill Designs Abroad, nor to Impose on the *Great Britains* at Home, by a **monopoly**; and that every One had what he made Choice of, pursuant to the Act of Parliament: This would have been much more for their Honour, if ever an *East-India* Company had any; which is beyond all Question: It being too well known to all that have heard of, or had to do with an *East-India* Company.

It may be worth the Consideration, That if they should Succeed in this **monopoly**, whether it would not Encourage such a *Powerful United Body of Men* to attempt the **monopoly** of all the Counties and Corporations, for Members of Parliament, at the next Elections.

Wherefore it is humbly hoped, and prayed, That the Honourable House of Commons, in their Great WISDOM and JUSTICE will Continue the Separate Traders (that are desirous) for the like Term of Years as they do the *United Company*, they being ready and willing to Pay their Proportion of the Twelve Hundred Thousand Pounds for the Service of the Government.